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## INTRODUCTION



**Penang,** "The Pearl of the Orient" lies off the north-western coast of Peninsular Malaysia. The state comprises the island of Penang covering an area of about 285 sq. km and a narrow strip of approximately 760 sq. km on the mainland known as Seberang Perai (Province Wellesley) separated by a channel 3 km wide at the closest point. They are linked by the Penang Bridge and a 24-hour ferry service. Its population of more than 1 million represents a happy mix of the major races found in Malaysia with Malays making up 32%, the Chinese 59% and Indians 7%.

**Georgetown,** at the north-eastern tip of the island is the seat of administration and is also the commercial hub of the state. This bustling metropolitan city combines the best of east and west as seen in its fascinating collection of fine old buildings, each bearing the stamp of different foreign influences in its colorful history. Much of its charm also lies in its famous golden beaches and clear blue seas. Penang today is a resort island in full bloom - an idyllic playground for worshippers of the sun and the sea. Its multi-racial population contributes to a wealth of cultural attractions and festivals for visitors to bring home memories of happy times in Penang.

## A BRIEF HISTORY

Penang today bears the mark of an early history of successive foreign influences - from the early Indian Civilization that took root in northern Malaya to that of the Portuguese, Dutch and later the British who came to this part of the world in search of spices and stayed to participate in the lucrative trade.

The history of modern Penang can be traced back to 1786 when Francis Light managed to persuade the Sultan of Kedah to cede "Pulau Pinang" (Betel Nut Island) to the British East India Company. Light landed at the site of the present Esplanade and according to local legend, fired gold coins into the surrounding jungle to induce his men to clear the area. The island was originally named Prince of Wales Island and the settlement that soon grew up was named Georgetown after King George III.

## BY RAIL

The journey from Kuala Lumpur to Butterworth takes approximately 6 hours. First and second class passengers travel in comfort in the air-conditioned coaches. Taking the train is a comfortable way to travel within the country and it affords one the opportunity to see a lot of the countryside. Keretapi Tanah Melayu Berhad (KTM Bhd), (Malayan Railway) also operates regular services to Alor Setar, Padang Besar, Haadyai and Bangkok from Butterworth.

•Keretapi Tanah Melayu Berhad  
Ferry Terminal, Pengkalan Weld  
•Keretapi Tanah Melayu Berhad  
Butterworth

Telephone No :  
04-261 0290  
04-331 2796

## MOVING AROUND

Penang's public transport system is efficient and moving around by taxis, buses or trishaws may be a fun and inexpensive way of catching the sights.

## CITY TAXIS

Most city taxis do not use the meter. You may either insist on the meter being turned on or agree on the price before you move off. Taxis normally charge between RM3.00 - RM6.00 for short distances within the city.

## CITY BUSES

Penang is also served by many buses which ply various routes between the city and other destinations on the island.

I. The city buses operate from the main terminal at Lebuhraya Victoria, at frequent intervals. The following buses cover various destinations in the city:

### Kenderaan Juara Sdn. Bhd.

Bus No. 1	Air Itam	Bus No. 7	Jalan Kebun Bunga
2	Bagan Jermal	8	Penang Hill Railway
3	Jelutong	9	Jalan Masjid Negeri via Jalan Penang/Jalan Dato' Keramat
4	Jalan Yeap Chor Ee via Jalan Perak	10	Kampung Melayu
5	Jalan Masjid Negeri via Dhoby Ghaut	11	Bukit Gelugor via Jalan Masjid Negeri
6	Jalan Masjid Negeri via Jalan Patani	12	Jelutong/Air Itam Village.

II. Other buses operate from the Jalan Dr. Lim Chwee Leong Terminal and serve the following destinations :

### Sri Negara Transport Services Co.

Bus No. 136	-Pengkalan Weld to Pepper Estate
137	-Pengkalan Weld to Tanjung Tokong

### Lim Seng Seng Co. (Green Buses)

Bus No. 91 & 92	-Pengkalan Weld to Air Itam
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### Hin Bus Co. (Blue Buses)

Bus No. 93	-Pengkalan Weld to Batu Ferringhi/Teluk Bahang
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### Penang Yellow Bus Co.

Bus No. 66	-Pengkalan Weld to Balik Pulau
67	-Pengkalan Weld to Gertak Sanggul
68 & 69	-Pengkalan Weld to Batu Maung
77	-Pengkalan Weld to Minden Heights
78	-Pengkalan Weld to Sungai Ara (Snake Temple)
79	-Pengkalan Weld to Air Itam via Paya Terubong
83	-Pengkalan Weld to Penang Airport
84	-Pengkalan Weld to Bayan Baru
86	-Pengkalan Weld to Mavano Pasir



of the present landscape and according to local legend, fired gold coins into the surrounding jungle to induce his men to clear the area. The island was originally named Prince of Wales Island and the settlement that soon grew up was named Georgetown after King George III. In 1800, the Sultan of Kedah further ceded a strip of land on the mainland across the channel which Light named Province Wellesley, after the then Governor of India. In 1832, Penang formed part of the Straits Settlement with Melaka and Singapore. It flourished and grew to be a major trading post for a lucrative trade in tea, spices, china and cloth. For more than a hundred years, it remained under British Colonial rule until 1957 when it gained independence and became one of the states of the newly formed Federation of Malaya and later Malaysia in 1963.

## GETTING THERE

### BY AIR

Penang is easily accessible by air with daily flights from major capitals of the region. It has direct links with Singapore, Bangkok, Nagoya, Medan, Xiamen (China) and Madras, operated by Malaysia Airlines. The airline also operates more than 20 flights daily between Kuala Lumpur and Penang.

The Penang International Airport is about 20 km from the city center. Taxis plying the route follow the coupon system by which fares between the airport and various destinations in Penang are fixed. Air-conditioned taxis and limousines charge higher fares.

The Penang Yellow Bus Co. operates an hourly service between the Airport and Pengkalan Weld (Weld Quay) in the city between 6.00 am to 10.00 pm daily (Bus No. 83).

Malaysia Airlines (MAS)	Telephone No:
Ground Floor, KOMTAR, Penang	- 04-262 0011, 262 1403
Penang International Airport	- 04-643 0811
24-hour reservations: Kuala Lumpur	- 03-746 3000

### BY ROAD

The opening of the Penang Bridge linking the mainland of Peninsular Malaysia to Penang Island has facilitated driving to Penang. A charge of RM 7.00 is levied on all classes of cars at the toll plaza in Perai on the mainland. No payment is required for traveling from the island to the mainland.

### BY FERRY

From Butterworth, it is necessary to take the ferry to Penang Island. The ferry service is available around the clock for both passengers and vehicles. Tickets are purchased at the Butterworth terminal and the rates are applicable for a return journey.

#### Fares:

Adult-RM0.40 • Children-RM0.20

The rates charged for vehicles are based on the engine capacity of the car and the number of passengers.

Cars below 1200cc-RM4.00 + 0.40 sen per passenger

Cars above 1200cc-RM5.00 + 0.40 sen per passenger

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86	-Pengkalan Weld to Mayang Pasir

### Pearl of The Orient Minibus

### TRISHAWS

A trishaw ride is one of the best ways of seeing Penang. Besides the novelty of traveling in this open-fronted three-wheeled vehicle, trishaws allow visitors the opportunity of doing the sights at a more leisurely pace—stopping at any point to snap pictures or buy souvenirs.

There is no standard fare and it would be wise to agree on the price before you step on the trishaw. For extended sightseeing, it is advisable to hire them by the hour.

### CAR RENTAL

If you wish to venture further afield at your own leisure, it might be a good idea to drive around yourself. Most major international and local car rental companies offer a good choice of vehicles and packages. So, arm yourself with a valid international driving license and a reliable road map and set forth for the adventure of your life. Remember that traffic travels on the left side of the road and that the speed limit varies on all roads.

### RENT-A-MOTORBIKE/BICYCLE

Motorcycles and bicycles also offer inexpensive and fun ways of exploring the island. Stores along the hotel stretch of Batu Ferringhi and in the city offer them for hire.

### TOURS/CRUISES

For those who wish to cover a bit of everything on limited time, there are many fascinating tours by air-conditioned coaches to famous landmarks around the island. Check with your hotel reception/tour desk for details on times and prices.

**Round Island Tour** • Includes visits to batik factories and fishing villages along Batu Ferringhi and Teluk Bahang. It also covers Balik Pulau, the Snake Temple and Fort Cornwallis.

**Hill and Temple Tour** • The tour includes a ride up Penang Hill's funicular railway and visits to Kek Lok Si Temple which houses the pagoda of ten thousand Buddhas.





**City Tour** • Includes visits to the Botanical Gardens, Wat Chaiya Mangkalaram, the Kapitan Keling Mosque, the Water-front, the Penang Museum and the Khoo Kongsi.

**Night Tour** • Includes dinner, a visit to the pasar malam and trishaw ride around Georgetown.

**Sea Cruises** • Most beach hotels also offer cruises to the uninhabited islands off Batu Ferringhi. Round island cruises are also available.

## SPORTS/RECREATION

### JUNGLE TREKKING

Most beach hotels organize early morning treks past jungle streams and waterfalls. Food packs are usually provided. Check with your hotel for time and prices.

For the more adventurous wishing to venture out on their own, the Malaysian Nature Society's 'The Nature Trails of Penang' provides a comprehensive guide on trekking in Penang.

### GOLFING

Visitors may also have a swinging time at the following Golf Clubs.

- Bukit Jambul Golf and Country Club (Tel:04-644 2255)
- Penang Turf Club (Tel: 04-436 2333)
- Air Force Golf Club Butterworth (Tel: 04-332 2632)
- Bukit Jawi Golf Resort (Tel: 04-582 2612 Fax:04-582 5486)
- Kristal Golf Resort (Tel:04-399 8661 Fax:04-582 2280)

### SEA SPORTS

Beach hotels provide facilities for a host of sea sports such as sailing, windsurfing, water skiing, parasailing, canoeing and speedboat rides. The uninhabited islands of Pulau Bidan, Pulau Telur and Pulau Song Song off Batu Ferringhi are ideal for snorkeling, scuba diving and fishing. Arrangements may be made for trips to these islands within whose crystal clear depths are some of the most fascinating attractions of the underwater world.

### HORSE RACING

The Penang Turf Club at Jalan Batu Gantung is the scene of exciting races held on two consecutive weekends once every two months. On other weekends when the races are held at Ipoh, Kuala Lumpur and Singapore, the turf club is open for 'off-course' betting.



## SHOPPING

Penang has a superb range of shops.

Penang is definitely a shopper's paradise, with hundreds of retail establishments located conveniently, in and around the city. The main shopping areas in Penang are concentrated in Jalan Penang, Lebuhr Campbell, Lebuhr Kapitan Keling, Lebuhr Chulia and Lebuhr Pantai. Few places can compare with Penang for its variety of goods and reasonably cheap prices.

One of the biggest and most famous shopping complexes in the city is none other than the Kompleks Tun Abdul Razak, or fondly known as KOMTAR. This 65-story complex, located in the heart of Georgetown, offers some of the best shopping on the island. KOMTAR houses a labyrinth of boutiques, fast food outlets, restaurants, amusement arcades and shops as well as two of the biggest department stores. On the 58th floor is the Tower Tourist Center which allows visitors to have an excellent aerial view of the whole city as well as cultural shows performed daily.

A duty free shop on the 57th floor offers good shopping, and the souvenir center is yet another place to get memorabilia of Penang.

Batik, the highly versatile fabric is available as individually designed pieces or as clothing, table-cloths, napkins and furnishings. These may be purchased at factories in Teluk Bahang and in souvenir shops at Batu Ferringhi; specialist shops in Penang Road and in most department stores and shopping complexes. Batik paintings can also be found in galleries in Jalan Penang, Lebuhr Leith and Batu Ferringhi.

If you are searching for fine jewelry, then Lebuhr Campbell, and Lebuhr Kapitan Keling are the places to go.

Duty Free shops within the city offer cameras, radios and tape-recorders, TV and Hi-Fi equipment, calculators, electrical appliances, pens, lighters, watches and cosmetics plus a host of other items at reasonable prices.

Penang is also a haven for antique lovers in search of rare bargains. The junk shops along Rope Walk (Jalan Pintal Tali) offer a range of antique items and bric-a-brac such as porcelain ware, chains, coins, old glass, old ceiling lamps and antique clocks.

### TIPS FOR SHOPPERS

- Bargaining is still very much a part of life here; so don't be afraid to haggle over prices or ask for a discount especially at the smaller shops.
- Ensure that you get a warranty card for cameras, watches and electrical goods.
- Obtain written confirmation of any instructions given to the store to post parcels abroad.

### ANTIQUES

The export of Malaysia's antiques is controlled by the Antiquities Act 1975. Under the Act, no one is allowed to export any antique without obtaining a license from the Director General of Museums, Malaysia. However, antiques which have been imported into the country and have been





## ENTERTAINMENT



Penang offers a large number of night haunts and watering holes. These include pubs, lounges, karaoke lounges, hotel lobby bars and discos. There is something to entertain each and everyone here.

In the city itself, visitors can find a number of good spots to lighten up, have a drink and chit-chat with friends while being entertained with performances by live bands. As most of the hotels are situated along the Ferringhi belt, that's where you'll find most of the night spots, especially discos and pubs. Or catch a cultural performance at the Eden Seafood Village or at the Istana Malay Restaurant at the Pinang Cultural Center.

## CONCERT/DRAMAS

Drama performances and concerts are staged at the following venues:

- Dewan Sri Pinang, Lebuh Light
- Fort Cornwallis Amphitheater
- Geodesic Dome, Komtar

Such performances are usually advertised in the local newspapers.



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Most shops are open from 10.00am - 9.00pm



## EATING OUT

The endless variety of Penang food reflects the different cooking styles and tastes of its multi-racial population. There is a mouth-watering selection of Chinese, Malay, Indian and Nyonya cuisine to sample, not to mention the irresistible hawker fare from makeshift roadside stalls.

Not to be missed hawker favorites are "Asam Laksa", "Hokkien Mee", "Char Koay Teow", and "Pasembor".

Nyonya Cuisine includes "Mee Siam", "Otak Otak", "Kerabu", "Enche Kabin" and "Curry Kapitan". The Nyonyas are also famous for their delicious cakes and desserts.

Heading the list of Indian food is "Nasi Kandar" of Indian Muslim origin. South Indian favorites include "Tosai" and "Idiapom" served with thick "Dhall" curry. Northern Indian "Naan" bread with chicken "Tandoori" or chicken "Tikka" are also worth trying.

Chinese restaurants offer Cantonese, Szechuan, Hokkien, Teochew and Hainanese food represented by foods such as "Dim Sum", rice porridge, chicken rice, a variety of noodles and the pungent diced chicken with dried chillies.

Malay food typified by dishes such as "Sambal tumis", Masak lemak", and "Sambal belacan" are easily available. Another hot favorite is of course the "Satay".





## PLACES OF INTEREST

### PENANG MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY, LEBUH FARQUHAR

Built in 1821, the Museum houses a fine collection of old photographs, maps, charts and other historical relics. There are also Malay daggers (Keris), Chinese furniture, embroidery and paintings of old Penang.

The Art Gallery on the first floor displays the works of local artists and is the venue for special exhibitions. The statue of Captain Francis Light graces the grounds in front of the buildings.

Opening hours: Daily from 9.00 am-5.00pm • Fridays from 9.00am-12.15pm & 2.45pm-5.00pm.



Penang Museum

### KAPITAN KELING MOSQUE, JALAN MASJID KAPITAN KELING

Named after the Indian Muslim merchant, the "Kapitan Keling" (headman) Caudeer Mohudeen who built it in the early 19th century. It features an ochre yellow facade and dome-shaped minaret reflecting Moorish Islamic influence. Permission to enter must be obtained from mosque officials.



Kapitan Keling Mosque

### ACHEEN STREET MOSQUE, LEBUH ACHEEN

Also known as Masjid Melayu, the mosque was built on land donated by Syed Sheriff Tengku Syed Hussain Aidid who came from Aceh in Sumatera. The 1820 mosque features a small window halfway up the minaret which is said to have originally been a hole made by cannonball fired during the 1867 triad riots.

Permission to enter must be obtained from mosque officials.

### GODDESS OF MERCY TEMPLE, JALAN KAPITAN KELING

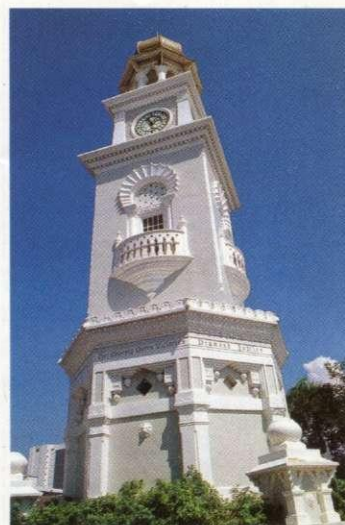
One of the oldest Chinese temples in Penang, the Kuan Yin Teng or the Goddess of Mercy Temple was built in 1800 by early immigrant settlers from China. The building is decorated with intricately crafted dragons and stone sculptured lions which are said to be its guardians. The temple is flocked by pilgrims and followers all year

### CITY HALL, ESPLANADE

Built in the 1880s, this stately colonial building is a fine example of British palladian architecture featuring magnificent Corinthian columns and huge windows. It was once the seat of local government.

### CLOCK TOWER, PESARA KING EDWARD

Towering 60 feet high, the clock tower was presented to Penang by local millionaire Cheah Chen Eok in 1897 to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria.



Clock Tower

### FORT CORNWALLIS, LEBUH LIGHT

The fort was built on the site of Francis Light's historic landing in 1786. Originally a wooden stockade, it was replaced by a concrete structure built by convict labor, in 1804. Today, an open-air amphitheater, a history gallery and a handicraft and souvenir center occupies the interior. It houses the famous Dutch cannon presented to the Sultan of Johor by the Dutch and which finally found its way to Penang after being looted by the Portuguese.

Opening hours: 8.30am to 7.00pm • Admission: RM1.00 per person.



Fort Cornwallis

### CHINA TOWN

China Town on the island stretches from Weld Quay to Lebu Stewart, Lebu Muntri, Lebu Campbell and Lebu King. China Town is so large and well-preserved that you will sense and feel the lifestyle of Chinese immigrant settlers who came here in the 1800s. Visitors will be intrigued by the many clanhouses, shophouses and temples found along these streets, which reflect the heritage left behind. Stepping into these streets will certainly take you back in time.

### KOMTAR, JALAN PENANG

The Kompleks Tun Abdul Razak, a prominent Penang landmark, houses Government





Yin Teng or the Goddess of Mercy Temple was built in 1800 by early immigrant settlers from China. The building is decorated with intricately crafted dragons and stone sculptured lions which are said to be its guardians. The temple is flocked by pilgrims and followers all year round especially during the three anniversaries of Kuan Yin which are on the 19th day of the second, sixth and ninth lunar month.

Opening Hours: Early morning to late evening.

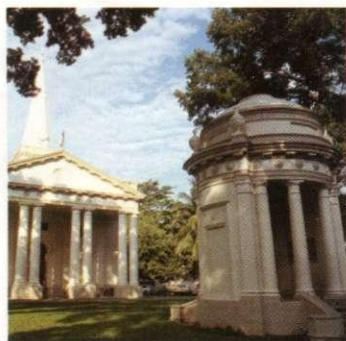
### SRI MARIAMMAN TEMPLE, LEBUH QUEEN

The temple, built in 1883, features fascinating sculptures of gods and goddesses over its main entrance and on its facade. Housed within its ornately decorated interior is the priceless statue of Lord Subramaniam embellished with gold, silver, diamonds and emeralds. The statue figures prominently in the annual Thaipusam festival when it is borne on a silver chariot through the city streets to the temple at Jalan Waterfall.

Opening Hours: Morning to late evening • Permission to enter must be obtained from temple officials.

### ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, LEBUH FARQUHAR

Built with convict labor in 1818, it is one of the oldest landmarks in the city. The entrance of this stately Anglican Church named after the patron saint of England, features a memorial canopy dedicated to Captain Francis Light.



St. George's Church

### KHOO KONGSI, LEBUH CANNON

The forefathers of the Khoo family who emigrated from South China built it as a clan-house for members of the Khoo family. It was burnt down in 1894 and some believed that it was due to its resemblance to the Emperor's palace. A scaled down version was later built in 1902. The building features a magnificent hall embellished with intricate carvings and richly ornamented beams of the finest wood bearing the mark of master craftsmen from China.

Opening hours: 9.00am to 5.00pm - Mondays to Fridays  
9.00am to 1.00pm - Saturdays

Permission to enter must be obtained from the Kongsi office.



Khoo Kongsi



Kompleks Tun Abdul Razak (KOMTAR)

### KOMTAR, JALAN PENANG

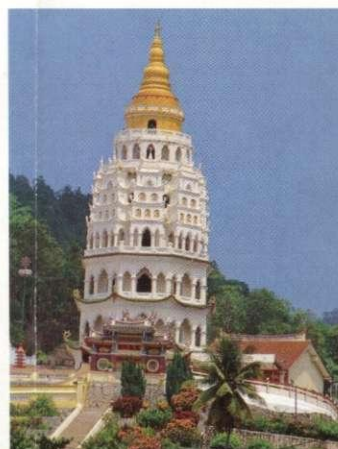
The Kompleks Tun Abdul Razak, a prominent Penang landmark, houses Government departments, commercial offices, department stores, shops and restaurants. The 65-story complex also contains theaters, squash courts and a geodesic dome which serves as a multi-purpose hall, while the 55th floor offers a panoramic view of the city and on clear days, also of Gunung Jerai in Kedah.

### NAGORE SHRINE, LEBUH KING

Constructed in the early 1880's, the shrine is a memorial to the Caliph, Syed Shahul Hamid. Faithful devotees may be seen visiting the shrine to seek favors on Thursdays.

### STATE MOSQUE, JALAN MASJID NEGERI

The State Mosque features elegant modern architecture and took four years to complete. It can accommodate 5,000 worshippers for congregational prayers and is usually packed on Fridays. Permission to enter must be obtained from the State Religious Department, Lebuhr Pantai. Visitors must dress appropriately and remove their shoes before entering.



Kek Lok Si Temple

### KEK LOK SI TEMPLE, AIR ITAM

One of the finest Buddhist temples in South East Asia, the Kek Lok Si temple stands majestically on a hill in Ayer Itam. Built in tiers, the temple culminates with the beautifully crafted "Pagoda of Ten Thousand Buddhas". Taking more than 20 years to build, the temple is set against beautiful scenic surroundings. It features gardens, a turtle pond, shrines and beautiful sculptures.

Opening Hours: Early morning to late evening • Admission is free

### WAT CHAIYA MANGKALARAM, LORONG BURMA

The Buddhist temple of Thai architecture houses a 33-meter gold-plated reclining Buddha-said to be one of the longest in the world. The niches behind the statue house urns containing the ashes of devotees.

Admission is free.



Wat Chaiya Mangkalam



## DHARMIKARAMA BURMESE TEMPLE, LORONG BURMA

A pair of elephants guard the entrance to this Burmese temple. Within the pagoda grounds is a Bodhi tree and a wishing pond. It is the scene of many festivities during the water festival in April.

Admission is free.

## P.RAMLEE'S HOUSE

Situated along Jalan P. Ramlee (formerly Caunterhall Road), is the newly restored wooden house, to commemorate the late P. Ramlee, Malaysia's foremost entertainer. Originally built in 1926 by his father and uncle, the house had previously undergone successive repairs before being taken over by the National Archives as an extension of its P. Ramlee Memorial project in Kuala Lumpur.

The display within and outside the house features the main living areas and also the life history of the late singer, actor, composer and director. The various artifacts include his personal memorabilia related to his life in Penang and also items belonging to his family.

Admission is free • Opening hours: From 9.00am - 6.00pm • Closed on Mondays



Esplanade

## UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE MALAYSIA'S (USM) MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY, MINDEN

The museum houses a collection of artifacts on Malay and Nyonya cultures, textiles, prints, traditional jewelry and daggers (keris). One section is devoted to the performing arts. The art gallery has a fine collection of paintings.

Opening Hours: 10.00am - 5.00pm Mondays to Fridays (It closes from 12.15 - 2.45pm on Fridays)  
10.00am - 1.00pm Saturdays. Permission to visit should be obtained from the security guards at the main gate.

## FORESTRY MUSEUM, TELUK BAHANG

Located within the 100-hectare Forest Recreation Park, the museum was built using various species of wood and other forest produce and houses a collection of forest produce from all over the country.

The park features foot paths and flowing streams and is home to countless species of flowering plants, ferns, insects, birds, butterflies, snakes and lizards.



Teluk Bahang

## PINANG CULTURAL CENTER

Pinang Cultural Center operates 3 cultural tours daily (except Fridays) from 9.30am - 5.00pm. The cultural tour,





which lasts for 2 hours 30 minutes is a window to the Malaysian culture.

In each of these guided tours, visitors get to see - a demonstration of traditional welcoming ceremony, Malay martial arts, traditional games, handicraft making, a longhouse, an exhibition on heritage and a 45 minute cultural show featuring dances from all over Malaysia.

### PENANG BRIDGE

The Penang Bridge, which links Penang Island and the mainland was officially opened on September 15, 1988. The spectacularly beautiful bridge spans 13.5km across the channel, offering a beautiful view of the open sea, ships and the sprawling coastline.

### NATTUKKOTAI TEMPLE, JALAN AIR TERJUN

The temple is dedicated to the deity, Bala Subramaniam, and features prominently during the annual Thaipusam festival when thousands of devotees throng its premises for the various rites and ceremonies.

Opening hours: Early morning to late evening. Permission to enter must be obtained from temple officials.



Butterfly Farm

### BUKIT JAMBUL ORCHID AND HIBISCUS GARDEN

The Bukit Jambul Orchid & Hibiscus Garden and Reptile House are located along Persiaran Bukit Jambul, close to the Hotel Equatorial; only a leisurely 5-minute drive away from the Penang International Airport.

### BALIK PULAU

The hills of Balik Pulau abound with clove and nutmeg trees which bear fruit in November-January and July. Or savor the durian, a seasonal fruit which is the luscious king of fruits.

### BUTTERFLY FARM, TELUK BAHANG

The Farm spans 0.8 hectares and is home to 3,000 living specimens of over 50 species of colorful butterflies, frogs, scorpions and other insects.

It features a lily pond, artificial waterfalls, a rock garden, tunnel and a bubbling mud pool. Also included within the farm are a garden enclosure, breeding area, laboratory, exhibition area, souvenir shops and information center.

Opening hours: 9.00am - 5.00pm • Entrance Fees: RM4.00 adults & RM1.50 children.

### PENANG HILL (BUKIT BENDERA)

Malaysia's first hill station, Penang Hill is 830 meters (2730ft) above sea level, visitors can ascend to the top by either hiking up or by the funicular railway which has been operational since 1922. Apart from the cool, refreshing climate and the fantastic view at the summit, visitors can also view the picturesque bungalows, a beautiful flower garden and a bird park.

There are bungalows for rent and a hotel for those who want to stay for more than a day. Visitors can also indulge in refreshments and snacks at a convenient tea kiosk located on top of the hill.

There is a good walking track up the hill. It takes 4 hours to reach the top and is recommended only for the more energetic. The jungle trail begins at the 'moongate' at Jalan Air Terjun, approximately 300m from the Botanical Gardens entrance.

The funicular rail service begins at 6.30am and ends at 9.30pm • Fare: RM4.00 adults & RM2.00 children.



The funicular train up to Penang Hill

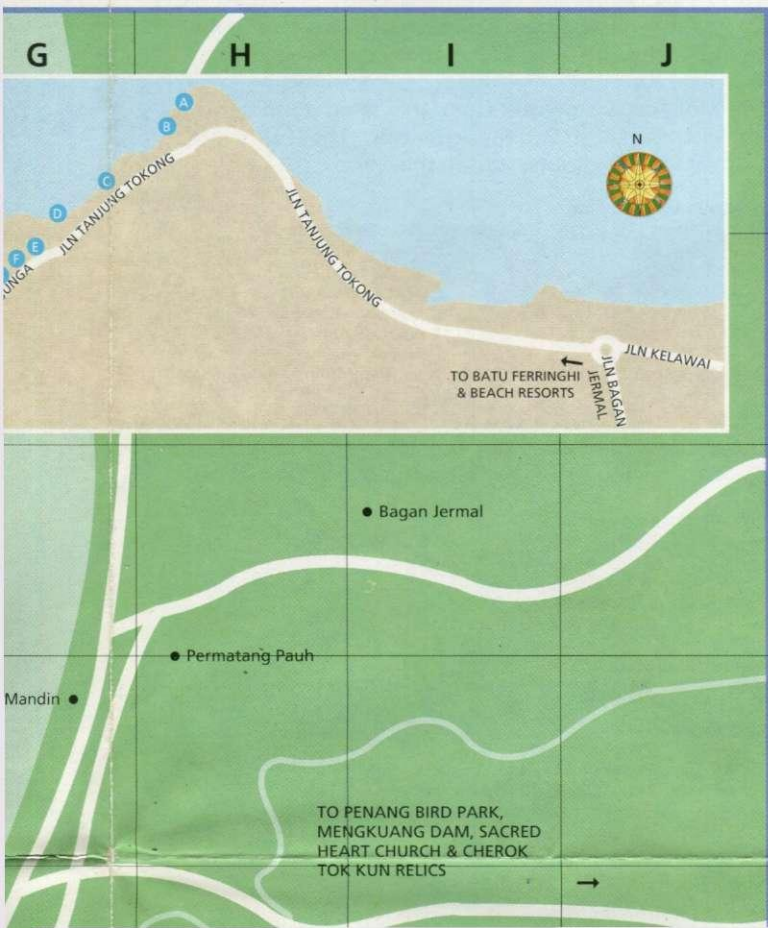
### SNAKE TEMPLE

Built in 1850 and dedicated to the deity Chor Soo Kong, the temple is located 3.2km from the Penang International Airport. It is a sanctuary for pit-vipers said to be the 'servants' of the deity. These poisonous snakes, seen coiled round the pillars, beams and potted plants within the temple are believed to be rendered harmless by the smoke of the burning incense.

Admission is free.

### BOTANICAL GARDENS

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LBH - LEBUH  
JLN - JALAN  
LRG - LORONG

## GEORGETOWN

### PLACES OF INTEREST

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|-------------------------------|----|
| A KOMTAR                      | E4 |
| B KHOO KONGSI                 | E4 |
| C KAPITAN KELING MOSQUE       | E3 |
| D SRI MARIAMMAN TEMPLE        | F3 |
| E GODDESS OF MERCY TEMPLE     | F3 |
| F PENANG MUSEUM & ART GALLERY | F3 |
| G CLOCK TOWER                 | F3 |
| H FORT CORNWALLIS & ESPLANADE | F3 |
| I TOURISM MALAYSIA            | F3 |
| J STATE MOSQUE                | A5 |
| K NATUKKOTAI CHETTIAR TEMPLE  | A2 |
| L WAT CHAIYA MANGKALARAM      | C2 |
| M BOTANICAL GARDENS           | A1 |

### IMPORTANT LOCATIONS & CONSULATES

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|----------------------------------|----|
| N CHEONG FATT TZE MANSION        | E3 |
| O IMMIGRATION OFFICE             | F3 |
| P BRITISH CONSULATE              | D4 |
| Q FRENCH CONSULATE               | F3 |
| R INDONESIAN CONSULATE           | B3 |
| S JAPANESE CONSULATE             | B2 |
| T DANISH CONSULATE               | F3 |
| U THAI ROYAL CONSULATE           | B3 |
| V ROYAL NORWEGIAN VICE-CONSULATE | F3 |

### BUS / TAXI TERMINAL

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|------------------------------------|----|
| W PENGKALAN WELD (ALL BUSES)       | F4 |
| X KOMTAR GROUND FLOOR (ALL BUSES)  | E4 |
| Y LEBUH VICTORIA (KENDERAAN JUARA) | E4 |

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| Z JALAN DR. LIM CHWEE LEONG (INTERSTATE BUSES) | E4 |
| AA FERRY TERMINAL                              | F4 |

### MAJOR HOTELS IN GEORGETOWN

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|----------------------------|----|
| AB HOTEL MALAYSIA          | E3 |
| AC GARDEN INN              | D3 |
| AD HOTEL ORIENTAL          | D4 |
| AE HOTEL WATERFALL         | A2 |
| AF SHANGRI-LA HOTEL        | E4 |
| AG TOWN HOUSE HOTEL        | E3 |
| AH HOTEL CONTINENTAL       | E3 |
| AI THE CITY BAYVIEW HOTEL  | E3 |
| AJ THE SHERATON PENANG     | D3 |
| AK HOTEL GRAND CONTINENTAL | D4 |
| AL HOTEL AGORA             | D3 |

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| AM SUNWAY HOTEL       | E3 |
| AN EQUATORIAL HOTEL   | F4 |
| AO MIDTOWNE HOTEL     | F4 |
| AP BERJAYA GEORGETOWN | F4 |

### TANJUNG TOKONG / TANJUNG BUKIT


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|-------------------------------|----|
| AQ MOTEL SRI PANTAI           | E3 |
| AR CHINESE SWIMMING CLUB      | D3 |
| AS BEACHCOMBER PARADISE HOTEL | D4 |
| AT PENANG SWIMMING CLUB       | A2 |
| AV NOVOTEL HOTEL              | E4 |
| AW SANDY BAY PARADISE HOTEL   | E3 |
| AX CROWN PRINCE HOTEL         | E3 |
| AY FERRINGHI BEACH HOTEL      | D3 |
| AZ MAR VISTA RESORT           | D4 |
| BA SEA VIEW HOTEL             | D3 |





SUNWAY HOTEL  
EQUATORIAL HOTEL  
MIDTOWNE HOTEL  
BERJAYA GEORGETOWN  
  
TUNG TONGKONG / TANJUNG BUNGA  
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FERRINGHI BEACH HOTEL  
MAR VISTA RESORT  
SEA VIEW HOTEL

D4  
A10  
D3  
B2

 BUS STATION

#### BATU FERRINGHI / TELUK BAHANG

-  RASA SAYANG RESORT
-  GOLDEN SANDS RESORT
-  LONE PINE HOTEL
-  HOLIDAY INN
-  PARKROYAL PENANG
-  CASUARINA HOTEL
-  THE BAYVIEW BEACH RESORT
-  NAM TIAN GATE WATERFALL
-  PENANG MUTIARA BEACH RESORT
-  NURSERY AND ORCHID FARM
-  PENANG BUTTERFLY FARM
-  FOREST RECREATION PARK AND MUSEUM

## BOTANICAL GARDENS

The Botanical Gardens offer peace and tranquility amidst lush green surroundings, tropical plants and the vibrant colors of Penang's flora. The 30-hectare garden also features a waterfall. Created in 1884 by the British, it was meant as a tribute to Charles Curtis, its first superintendent who collected botanical specimens from the surrounding hills - specimens which have since become significant samples in the world's major herbariums.

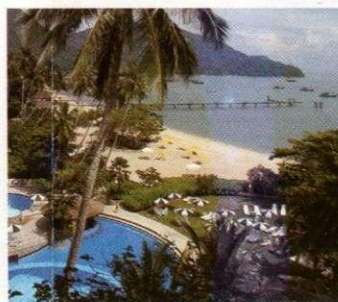
The gardens are also well-known for their bold Rhesus monkeys.

Admission is free • Opening hours : 7.00am to 7.00pm

## KAMPUNG SERONOK, BATU MAUNG

The name 'Kampung Seronok' originated from a suggestion by an English engineer, D.W. Grehan who had, on a number of occasions, shared in the joy and merrymaking of the kampung folk, in the days shortly after the Japanese surrender.

What makes it unique is the fact that it is virtually 'open' to visitors who are free to observe and participate in the various cultural activities, traditional games and rural economic pursuits of the people, showcasing the intrinsic values of traditional village life.



## PENANG'S FAMED BEACHES

Penang's northern shoreline is famous for its beautiful beaches of golden sand and deep blue seas. The Tanjung Bunga, Batu Ferringhi and Teluk Bahang beaches offer expansive stretches of glittering sand interspersed with secluded coves within the shelter of gigantic rocks. It is along this famous coastline

that resorts of international standard have sprouted up, offering a host of water-based recreational facilities.

If you crave for privacy, head for Teluk Duyung, Monkey Beach, Pantai Keracut and Pantai Mas accessible via the trails in the Pantai Acheh Forest Reserve from Teluk Bahang. The Pasir Panjang Beach at the south-western tip of the island is a good clean stretch for swimming and can be reached after a 25-minute hike over hilly land from Betong.

## BATU MAUNG FISHING VILLAGE

Batu Maung is a small fishing village at the south-eastern tip of the island, which owes its fame to the beach-front shrine dedicated to Admiral Cheng Ho, the famous Chinese admiral who featured prominently in the history of the Malacca Sultanate. The huge footprint in the vicinity of the shrine is said to be that of the Admiral.

## PENANG BIRD PARK, SEBERANG JAYA

The park spans 5 acres and houses a fine collection of some 800 birds from all over the world. It is beautifully landscaped and features a walk-in aviary, pond with ducks and swans, ornamental ponds abounding with water lilies, Japanese Carps and ornamental plants.

Opening hours : 9.00am - 7.00pm

Entrance fee: RM3.00 adults & RM1.00 children.



## ANNUAL EVENTS, FESTIVALS AND CELEBRATIONS

### CHAP GOH MEH • (February/March)

Celebrated on the 15th night of the first month of the Chinese Lunar calendar. The highlight of the festival is the orange throwing ceremony in which local maidens throw oranges into the sea for would-be suitors to catch.

### PENANG INTERNATIONAL TRIATHLON • (May)

An annual event featuring a grueling non-stop swimming-cycling-running race which attracts hundreds of hopefuls to Penang.

### PENANG INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL • (June)

This watersport is gaining worldwide popularity as seen from the increasing number of international teams participating each year in the sea off Batu Uban.

### PENANG FLORA FESTIVAL • (July)

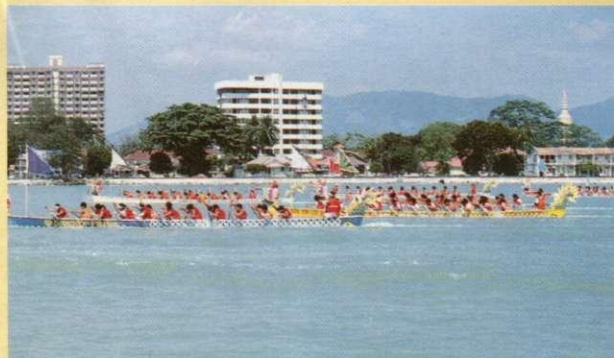
Highlight of the festival is the bright display of flowers at the KOMTAR Mall.

### CITY ON PARADE • (July)

A week-long extravaganza of food fairs, handicraft exhibitions, street concerts, cultural shows and parades.

### PENANG BEACH CARNIVAL • (July)

The one-week carnival features food promotions, inter-hotel competitions, seaside festivities, cultural shows, fashion parades, telematches and parties.



### PENANG FOOD FESTIVAL • (August)

Offers visitors the opportunity to sample the best of Penang cuisine, learn a bit about its history and watch various dishes being prepared.

### PENANG CULTURAL FESTIVAL • (August)

A month-long festival to celebrate Penang's multi-racial heritage featuring various performances from different cultural groups.

### LANTERN FESTIVAL • (September)

Mid-Autumn festival characterized by brightly lit lanterns in all shapes and colors. Also associated with the moon cake, a sweet delicacy, which once carried secret messages inciting rebellion in ancient China.

### PESTA PULAU PINANG • (November/December)

Features an annual trade fair and exhibition. Carnival rides, band performances, games and cultural shows lend a festive air.

